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OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE

EATON FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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EATON FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Eaton Family Association held its sixth reunion at the Meionaon in Boston on Tuesday, August 19th, 1890. The President, Rev. Dr. William Hadley Eaton, of Nashua, called the meeting to order at half-past ten in the morning. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Homer Eaton, of New York City. A committee on enrollment was appointed, consisting of Rev. H. M. Eaton, Mr. Ebenezer Ferren and Miss Imogene Eaton. After an hour's informal chat, during which time the names of the persons present were collected, and colored ribbons distributed according to the families, the Secretary's report of the last meeting was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was also read and accepted, showing—

Balance from Oct., 1888, . . .	$305.55
Receipts, ...	152.00
	457.55
Expenses to Aug. 19, 1890, . .	286.60
Balance on hand, . . .	$170.95

Mr. Daniel C. Eaton then read a report on his investigations into the history of the Eaton Family formerly residing at Dover, England, showing the probable connection of John Eaton of Dedham with this family.

Mr. William L. Eaton made a report on the progress of his studies of the history of the family of Jonas Eaton of Reading. Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Eaton made a report on the genealogy of the Haverhill Eatons. No reports were received of the Plymouth Eatons, or of the family of William Eaton of Reading. A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the coming year. Captain George Prince read a short paper showing his own descent from Francis Eaton of Plymouth, and favoring the theory that this Francis was married only twice, and not three times, as is commonly supposed.

The nominating committee reported names for officers, leaving a few blanks to be filled by the Executive Committee. Some of these were filled and the nominations adopted. The following is a list of the persons chosen :—

PRESIDENT.

Rev. WILLIAM H. EATON, D.D., *Nashua, N. H.*

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JOHN EATON, Esq., *Room 11, 246 Washington st., Boston.*
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Dinner was then announced. After dinner several gentlemen were called upon to address the company, among whom were Rev. Dr. Edward D. Eaton of Beloit, and Hon. John Eaton of Marietta College, Rev. Samuel Witt Eaton, Rev. H. M. Eaton, and Mr. Stephen B. Eaton of Concord, N. H. After singing a song, in which Miss Thomas kindly led the assembly, it was voted to adjourn.

One hundred and fifty-four names were handed in of the persons present.

DANIEL C. EATON, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

I. Report on the Eatons of Dover, England,

by Daniel C. Eaton.

Since the last report was presented, in 1888, my genealogical work has been principally in seeking for the English ancestry of the Dedham family. It will be remembered that two years ago I had the pleasure of announcing that my correspondent, Mrs. Harman, had found the marriage record of John Eaton and Abigail Damon in the registers of the Church of St. James the Apostle in the town of Dover, and with them the record of baptism of their children Mary and John, and also that of Jane Damon, who was the daughter of Mrs. Abigail Eaton by her first husband, Henry Damon. The records read as follows :—

Marriages.

1630	*John Eton & Abigaile Doman,*	*April 5*

Christenings.

1624	*Jane daughter of Henry Daman,*	*Aug. 15*
*1630**	*Mary the daughter of John Eaton,*	*Mar. 20*
1633	*John the son of John Eaton,*	*Oct. 7*

Ill health compelled Mrs. Harman to discontinue her work. The search was resumed in 1889 by Dr. Joseph Jackson Howard, a most learned antiquarian, editor of the *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, and now, by her Majesty's special appointment, Maltravers Herald Extraordinary. Dr. Howard has made in our interest three visits to Dover and its vicinity, and two to other places not far from London, besides searching records at London for sundry items concerning the Eatons.

He has found a record in St. Mary's Church at Dover, showing that John Eaton the infant son of John Eaton died at the age of three months and a few days, the record being :—

Burials.

*1633**	*Jan. 27*	*John son of John Eaton.*

Mrs. Harman had sent abstracts of several wills of the Dover Eatons, and transcripts of many records of baptisms, marriages and burials of the same Eatons. Dr. Howard has added to these records considerably, and has also sent me transcripts of not only Eaton records from a dozen other parishes near Dover, but also records of the families of Tiddeman, Hugesson, Hodgeman, Gibbon, Hawkins, Master, Monins, Brockman, Jull, and other

* It should be remembered that the year ended March 21st or perhaps March 25th.

families with which the Eatons of Dover intermarried. He is still interested in the search, and I am persuaded that he will go on with it until all we desire has been accomplished.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin at Dover was the principal parish Church of the Eaton family with which I believe we were connected, but a strong interest was always taken by the Eatons in the neighboring Church of St. James, and the registers of both Churches contain records of the family. The stone-cut memorials, however, all are at St. Mary's.

The following account of the Dover Eatons is compiled from the information received from Mrs. Harman and the copious transcripts sent by Dr. Howard, a few items only coming from other sources :—

The earliest known ancestor of the family was WILLIAM EATON of Dover, who died before the year 1584, probably not long before, and left a will, which has not yet been found. His widow, Jane Eaton, died that year. She made her will Aug. 27, 1584, and it was proved Dec. 29 of the same year. From this will we understand that she was widow and executrix of the will of her late husband, William Eaton. Her body was to be buried in the churchyard of St. James at Dover. She names her [eldest] son William Eaton, her sons John, Peter and Nicholas, then under age, and gives special directions for the education of Peter and Nicholas, that "they shall be kept one year or more in France, to learn the French tongue, and shall afterwards be put to some science or occupation." She makes her son-in-law, Jacques Huggenson, her sole executor, and mentions "my other children." From other sources we know that the wife of Jacques or James Huggenson was Joyce Eaton, and that one of the "other children" was Barbara, wife of —— Allen. James Hugesson, for so the name is more commonly spelled, had a son James, and probably other children also. The second James lived at Linsted, in the northern part of Kent, and was High Sheriff of the county. I have his autograph signature on a bond for two hundred pounds lawful English money, the bond dated July 6, 1627, and given to Ellys Wayland of Linsted, to secure the performance of a certain obligation and indenture the exact nature of which is not known. The bond is on thin parchment, and is written handsomely in quaint and abbreviated Latin. The son of this second James was Sir William Hugesson, of Linsted, ar- the family pedigree is printed in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* f March, 1886.

Barbara Allen received letters of administration on her father's esta January 27, 1584–5, a few weeks after her mother's death. No more is known of her.

The four sons of William and Jane Eaton were, then, William, Joh Peter and Nicholas. Of the family of William, the oldest son, nothing i positively known. Some William Eaton, and quite possibly this man, ha several children baptized at St. Mary's in Dover, viz :—

William, ... Sept. 1, 1594.
Elizabeth, ... Apr. 6, 1597, died 1598.
Annys, ... Mar. 30, 1600.
William, ... June 6, 1602, died 1608.
Wiliiam, ... May 28, 1609.

With this last entry ceases our record of William's family. Of John, the second son, under age, but probably a well-grown lad in 1584, we have no positive knowledge in his later years. The registers of East Langdon, a parish some five or six miles northeasterly of Dover, have three items which may possibly refer to him :—

1612 Sept. 30, John Eaten × Johane Bedforke married.
1619 Jan. 26, Joane, wife of John Eaton, buried.
1650 Oct. 21, John Eaton, senex, buried.

Peter, the third son of William and Jane Eaton, married Jan. 23, 1603–4, Elizabeth widow of ——— Patteson. The license for the marriage is recorded at Canterbury, and the marriage itself at St. Mary's, Dover. Eight children of this marriage are on record ; viz :—

Jane, baptized Mar. 17, 1604–5 ; m. ——— Shemall.
Katherine, ; m. Wm. Robinson in 1626.
William, bapt. Sept. 26, 1608 ; probably died young.
Joyce, bapt. Sept. 1, 1611; m. Edward Ranger in 1632, was living, a widow, in 1665, and had then living two sons, John and Peter Ranger.
Peter, bapt. July 3, 1614 or 1615 ; d. 1628.
John, bapt. Oct. 23, 1616 ; was living in 1636.
Elizabeth, bapt. Aug. 12, 1619 ; was living in 1636.
Nicholas, bapt. July, 1623 ; d. 1628.

The father died before the mother, and she was buried Jan. 8, 1631, "Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Peter Eaton." The son John, baptized in 1616, and living in 1636, may have transmitted the family name to descendants, but, if so, we know not where or when.

Of Nicholas, the youngest son of William and Jane, we have ample records, and this is fortunate for us, for it seems probable that our John of Dedham was one of his sons. He was born in 1573, as appears from his age of 53 given in a marriage-license dated 1626. He was a church-warden of St. Mary's in 1603, and probably for many years thereafter, perhaps until his death, which took place in 1636–37, for he was buried in the church of St. Mary the Virgin, in Dover, March 21st of that year.

In the Heralds' Visitation of Kent in 1619, it was reported as follows :—

"The towne and Port of Dovor Incorporated By the Name of Maior and Jurates have had there Charter and Liberties Confirmed by Divers Kinges and Queens of England—And at the present tyme of this visitacon These were Cheife in the Gouerment thereof

William Ward Maior and leiftennant of the Castle of Dovor under the Lord warden.

George Binge
William Lennard
Henry Steed
Robert Garrett
John Waade
Thomas Foorde
Nicholas Eatton
John Benger
John Goulstone
Richard Dakes
Michaell Burley
These 4 have
not been Maior."

From this record we know that Nicholas Eaton was a jurate of Dover in 1619, and we may infer that he had at some time been Mayor of the town. He was thereafter always spoken of as jurate. He had a very considerable estate, as appears by the large bequest of £900 and shares of certain vessels to his youngest son, besides numerous smaller gifts to sundry relatives and friends, and ample provision for his oldest son.

Jurate Nicholas Eaton was married twice; first to Katherine Master, Nov. 2, 1596, and secondly to Mrs. Joan Gibbs, widow of John Gibbs of Horsleydown, and daughter of ——— Tiddeman of Dover. His first wife was the mother of his seven children: I have not the date of her death, but his second marriage took place in 1626. Mrs. Joan Eaton was buried June 14, 1635, having made an elaborate will the 10th day of the preceding April. Her husband's will, equally elaborate, was dated Dec. 6, 1636, and was proved by his son William the 29th of March following.

His children of whom we have found any mention were John, William, Elizabeth, Jane, John (2d), Nicholas and Thomas. The first John must have died before the birth of the second: he was baptized March 12, 1599.

William, the second child, was baptized Jan. 9, 1602. He married Susan Witherden of Tenterden in 1635, was described as a merchant in Dover in 1665, and was not living in 1677. He was executor of his father's will, and inheritor of all the estate not devised specially to other heirs. It is probable that he died elsewhere than at Dover, as the date of his death has not been found, nor has his will. Two infant children were buried at St. Mary's, one in 1637 and one in 1640. A son John and a son William, as also a daughter Katherine were living in 1677. Scarcely anything more is known of the sons, but the daughter married Benjamin Hawkins in 1681. Their daughter Martha Hawkins, born in 1685 married Thomas Fagg and died in 1727, as is shown by a memorial brass in the central aisle of St. Mary's church. In the marriage license of Benjamin Hawkins and Katherine Eaton "Mr. John Eaton of Canterbury" is named as bondsman. This was probably one of Katherine's brothers. Possibly the following license of marriage may refer to him:—"1690, Feb. 23, John Eaton of Canterbury, gent., bachr.," The third child of Jurate Nicholas was Elizabeth, baptized Feb. 10, 1603. She probably died in childhood, as there is no further mention of her. The same may be said of the fourth child, Jane, baptized Mar. 28, 1606.

The fifth child on the record was a second John, baptized Aug. 21, 1611. He is mentioned in the will of his father's second wife, dated April 10, 1635, being set down for £10, his older brother having £30, and the youngest brother £10, and the unspecified "residue." In the will of his father, dated Dec. 6, 1636, he is not mentioned at all. There is no record of his burial in the mean time, although for that period the church books seem to be in good preservation, and his father was a man of position in both town and church. It is certainly a fair inference that he had already received his portion from his father, and had gone away with it. We know that John of Dedham was married in Dover in 1630, had two children baptized there, and one buried, and that the day when his wife and her children gave in their names as "Imbarqued in the Elizabeth & Ann, bound for New England," was April 27, 1635, just seventeen days later than the signing of Mrs. Joan Eaton's will.

The searches in and near Dover have failed to discover any other John Eaton besides the son of Nicholas who could have been the husband of Mistress Abigail, and the inference is strong that the two Johns, John the son of Nicholas and John who settled in Dedham, were one and the same man. Proof of this identity is still wanting; but it may be found at any day. That John, a boy of 19, should marry a widow of 29 or 30 with one, and possibly two children, is not so improbable as it would at first appear. This match, and especially the emigration to America, would so separate him from his immediate kinsfolk in Dover, that it is not strange that no reference is made to him later than his stepmother's bequest.

A clue, which may yet lead to satisfactory proof, is the legacy made by John of Dedham, of forty shillings "to Edward Hodgman my kinsman." Hodgman is a name found in the registers of several of the parishes near Dover; but this particular Edward Hodgman is still undiscovered. When we find him, and learn just how he was of kin to John, we shall be wiser than we are now. John Eaton of Dedham was a man of good social position, of reputation and influence in the town, and died possessed of a fair estate. That he had some property on his arrival in New England is evident from the recorded vote of the town, in 1637 I think it was, requiring him to surrender to the town either the land allotted him or the land he purchased of Ralph Shepherd, and that he was had in respect is shown by the town's giving him "six weeks' liberty to chuse" which of these to do. Certainly he was not unworthy to be a son of the old jurate and churchwarden, if he did marry a widow, emigrate to New England, and join a Puritan Church.

The sixth child of Nicholas Eaton was Nicholas, baptized Oct. 11, 1612, and the seventh and last was Thomas, baptized Feb. 20, 1613. Thomas was buried in July, 1616, but Nicholas survived his father, and transmitted the family name to three generations of Eatons of Dover.

To distinguish him from his father I will give him his proper title, and speak of him as *Captain* Nicholas Eaton. He married in 1639 Elizabeth Gibbon, who was born in 1618, the oldest child of Matthew Gibbon of Westcliffe and his wife Elizabeth White. In Berry's Genealogies of Kent this Elizabeth Gibbon is made wife of Thomas Foche, but the marriage license dated April 9, 1638, clearly identifies her as the promised bride of Nicholas Eaton of Dover, son of Nicholas Eaton, jurat. Captain Nicholas was a shipmaster and shipowner, and owned land in several places. He died in 1667, and was buried at St. Mary's Church in April of that year. His wife survived him. In Lyon's History of Dover, Vol. I, p. 127, is given a description of an armorial atchievement or hatchment which must have been set up in St. Mary's Church in honor of Captain Nicholas and his wife. The stone is no longer to be seen in the Church, having been lost or destroyed when the Church was renovated some years ago. The description, however, is precise, and reads thus:—"Quarterly 1st and 4th Or a fret azure, 2d and 3d barry of six pieces ermine and gules for Eaton and Hussey, impaling quarterly 1st and 4th sable a lion rampant guardant or between three escalop shells argent a crescent for difference, 2d and 3d gules a cross between three naked daggers erect argent pommels and hilts or a crescent for difference." Dr. Howard tells me that in the second half of this shield

are quartered the arms of Gibbon and Philpott. We know that Elizabeth Gibbon's paternal grandmother was Elizabeth Philpott, and so this hatchment serves to still further identify Captain Nicholas Eaton's wife as the daughter of Matthew Gibbon. The Hussey arms quartered with Eaton show a Hussey ancestry on the Eaton side. It may be that Joan, wife of the first William Eaton, belonged to the Hussey family. A curious thing is that in the arms of *Eyton* of Gadsby in Leicestershire, given in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* for May, 1855, the same *azure fret on a field or*, for *Eyton*, are quartered with Hussey, but also without explanation. In these arms the crest is a lion's head erased, swallowing a cask or *tun*, a rebus on Eaton [Eat-tun]. The more usual crest accompanying the *azure fret on a field or* is an eagle's head erased sable, in the mouth a sprig vert. Burke gives both crests for Eton or Eaton, of Springfield Hall, co. Essex, of Leicestershire, and of Somersetshire, and in the recently published Visitation of Shropshire there is a long pedigree of the ancient family of Eyton or Eaton of *Eyton super Weald Mores*, and the same alternate choice of crest is given.

It is known that the Eatons of Leicestershire and of Springfield Hall in Essex were descended from younger sons in the Shropshire family; and it may be thought a reasonable conjecture that the Dover family had a similar origin.

Captain Nicholas Eaton's will names four sons and three daughters, but the register of St. Mary's Church shows the christening of only two daughters. The seven children were Elizabeth, Nicholas, John, William, Katherine, Peter and Mary. Elizabeth was baptized Oct. 20, 1639, and Katherine, May 19, 1651. Peter, the youngest son, was born about 1655, and Mary was probably the youngest of all.

Elizabeth died before her father. By probable conjecture she married —— Hobday, as her father's will mentions grandchildren of that name.

Nicholas, the oldest son, married Sarah More in 1667, and went to London. He had several children: Elizabeth, Nicholas, who died young, Mary, who married in 1700 Mr. Ralph Markland of Lancashire, and a second Nicholas, who became Capt. Nicholas Eaton of All Hallows parish in London. There may have been other children also. The will, and the record of death or burial of Nicholas of London have not yet been found.

Of John, William and Katherine, children of the first Captain Nicholas, we know only that they were living in 1665, and we may infer that they died without children. Mary, the youngest daughter, married Thomas Monyns of Dover, gentleman. She died in 1715, and was buried at Charlton, a parish very near to Dover. One of her sons was Rev. Richard Monyns, of Charlton, and a grandson was a second Rev. Richard Monins, Rector of Ringwold and Charlton, who finally inherited the Eaton property, and by royal license took the name of Eaton. He died in 1770.

Capt. Nicholas Eaton's youngest son was Peter. He lived for some years in London, and then resided at Woodford in co. Essex. He was knighted, the date not found, and so was known as Sir Peter Eaton. His wife was Elizabeth, who from the arms on her tomb at Leatherhead, co. Surrey, must have been of the family of Cheesman of Kent. Sir Peter Eaton died in London, Sept. 22, 1730, and was buried in St. Mary's, Dover, a few days

later. Sir Peter Eaton had five or six children, Mary, Peter, Martha, Elizabeth, Catharine, and according to a pedigree preserved in the collections of Sir Isaac Heald, Lancaster Herald, a son Richard, a captain in the navy who died before his father. Peter and Martha died in childhood, the one in 1692, the other in 1696. Elizabeth married Christopher Hill, and was living in 1729. Catherine married, 1st, Matthew Chandler of Maidstone, and 2d, Sir John Thompson, alderman and Lord Mayor of London. She is buried in the church at Leatherhead, where, against the chancel arch, is a monumental stone, inscribed as follows:—

{ The Arms. Or a fret azure. }

Near this Place are
deposited the remains of
Dame CATHARINE THOMPSON
Daughter of
Sir PETER and Dame ELIZABETH EATON
and Relict of
Sir JOHN THOMPSON late Lord Mayor of
the City of London
She departed this Life on the 8 Day of Oct^r
A. D. 1765,
Aged 74;

The Merits of the Virtuous and Just
Survive when Tombstones shall be turned to Dust.

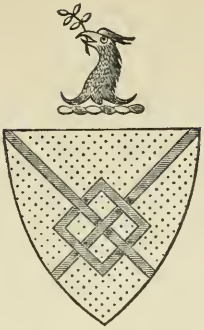
The oldest child of Sir Peter Eaton was Mary, born in 1689. She married her first cousin, Captain Nicholas Eaton of London, son of Nicholas and Sarah, and grandson of Captain Nicholas Eaton of Dover. Their children were Elizabeth, Mary and Peter. The daughters died unmarried, or at all events without offspring. The son Peter was born in 1720. Captain Nicholas and Mary Eaton had a residence at Woodford, and over the gateway of their house are still seen the arms of Eaton impaling Eaton, elaborated in wrought iron. This Captain Nicholas died in 1728, and was buried with his ancestors. His wife died in 1733. Their monument was formerly within St. Mary's Church: it is now used as a flagstone in the pavement of

a path outside of the church. The inscription is now nearly obliterated. It was described, but not copied, many years ago, in Lyon's History of Dover; and I have two copies of what remains, one made by a member of my own family, and one by Dr. Howard. Putting all together, and supplying the obliterated dates from the church records, the original inscription can be completely restored, and then would read as follows:—

Arms: Eaton impaling Eaton.

Here Lyeth Interred the Body of
Capt. NICHOLAS EATON Son of
Mr. NICHOLAS EATON and Grandson
of Capt. NICHOLAS EATON of DOVER
who departed this Life the 5th day
of April 1728 Aged 48 years
Here Lyeth Interred the Body of
Sir PETER EATON Knt. son of Capt.
NICHOLAS EATON of DOVER and Vncle
of the above Capt. NICHOLAS EATON
who departed this Life the 22^{d} day of
September Ann^{o} Dom^{i} 1730 Aged 75 years
Alsoe Here Lyeth Interr'd the Body of
MARY Relict of the above Capt.
NICHOLAS EATON and Daughter of
Sir PETER EATON who departed this
Life the 20th day of September Ann^{o}
Dom^{i} 1733 Aged 44 years.

The surviving child of the younger Captain Nicholas and his cousin-wife Mary was Peter Eaton, born in 1720. In the will of his grandfather, Sir Peter Eaton, special directions for his education are given. Very little is known of his history. He died, unmarried probably, in London, Jan. 31, 1769, and was buried in the old church (St. Mary's) at Dover. His monument is still preserved on the interior wall of the church, and bears this inscription:—

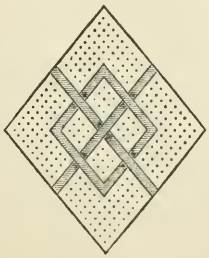


Sacred to the Memory of
PETER EATON, ESQ.
whose remains are here deposited with his Ancestors
Inhabitants of this Town of DOVER for Ages past
He being the last Male issue of His Family;
Departed this Life, after a long & painful illness,
In just Hopes of a Better,
The 31st day of January 1769 in the 49th Year of His Age.
He was Zealous to God, and Benevolent to Man;
Reader let His Character be thine.
Mrs. HANNAH MARKLAND His Cousin and Heir
In Testimony of Her Regard to His Memory
And the rest of the EATON Family,
From whom She is Descended
Caused this Monument to be erected.

כי־תרא ידע יצרבו זבור כי־עפר אנחנו

ΟΛΒΙΟΣ ΕΝ ΚΑΜΑΤΟΙΣ, ΟΛΒΙΟΣ ΕΝ ΘΑΝΑΤΩ.

Felix qui sui memores alios fecit merendo.
Verily there is a reward for the righteous.



The Hebrew is from Psalms CII, 14: "For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

The Greek may be translated: "Blessed in his labors, blessed in his death."

The Latin means: "Happy is he who has made others to remember him by deserving it," and is changed but little from Virgil's Æneid, VI, 664.

The property inherited by Hannah Markland was large, and included land and houses in many different places. She did not long survive her cousin, and left it all to Reverend Richard Monins, her second cousin. Richard Monins was also residuary legatee of Dame Catharine Thompson, daughter of Sir Peter Eaton, and in accordance with her request he petitioned the King for permission to take the name and bear the arms and crest of Eaton, which petition his Majesty was graciously pleased to grant May 4th, 1769. Through the kindness of Dr. Howard I have a copy of this grant.

The Rev. Richard Monins Eaton died a few months afterwards, and was buried at Ringwold, Feb. 28, 1770. With his death the name of Eaton ceased in the Dover line.

There appear on the records of the parishes in and about Dover the names of sundry other Eatons, Richard, Thomas, Robert, Elizabeth, Margaret, Alice, Mary, Agnes, etc., for whom places have not yet been found, and until this is either done or proved impossible, the search will not be completed.

II. The Family of John Eaton of Haverhill.

THE FIRST FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE
DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN AND ANNE EATON.
A REPORT TO THE EATON FAMILY ASSOCIATION

By W. H. Eaton, Genealogist.

"So let us print, in colors clear and fast,
The well known present on the half-known past.
And leave to children's children yet to come
The brave tradition of the ancient home."
Mrs. Geo. L. Chaney.

FIRST GENERATION.

JOHN AND ANNE EATON[1] with their six children came to our New England shores, like many other families of their time, without leaving any known record of the place or date of their arrival, or of the vessel in which they came. His name first appears on the proprietors' books of Salisbury, Mass., in the winter of 1639–1640. It is supposed that the family came from England, but no trace of its ancestry has as yet been found. Tradition was current as early as 1750 that John Eaton[1] of Salisbury had a brother and a cousin by the Eaton name somewhere in Mass., but more recent investigations fail to confirm the report. There were several grants of real estate made by the "ffreemen" of Salisbury unto John Eaton[1], Sen. from 1640 to 1646 inclusive:—One was on the "26th of ye 6th mo. 1640, 2 acres, more or less, for his house lotte, lying between the house lotts of Mr. Samuel Hall and Ralfe Blesdale." This lot is identified as lying about a stone's cast, nearly south, from the present town office. It is not supposed in town that John Eaton[1] ever put a house upon this lot. On the contrary it is believed that he lived upon his "planting lott" granted on "the 7th of the 9th mo. 1640" . . . "containing pr estimation six acres more or less, lying uppon ye great neck," having his house near the "great neck bridge," on "the beach road." This homestead has never passed out of the Eaton family and is now owned by seven sisters in equal and undivided shares, under the pleasing name of "Brookside Farm." In the Spring of 1646 John Eaton[1] was chosen "grand juror," and also one of five "Prudential men," to manage the affairs of the town. Still, toward the close of this year, for reasons not fully explained, John Eaton[1] transferred his homestead on "the great neck" together with all his rights and privileges, as one of the proprietors in common, to his son John Eaton[2], and removed with the rest of his family about fifteen miles up the Merrimack, to Haverhill, Mass., where he spent the last twenty-two years of his life in tilling the soil and in manufacturing staves.

The following is a copy of the deed of Rev. Nathaniel Ward to John Eaton[1], Nov. 25 : 1646.

"The present writing witnesseth that I, Nathaniel Ward of Ipswich, in New England, have bargained & sould to John Eaton of Salisbury, cooper, all the land, ground, meadow & comonage with their appurtances, which I have or ought to have at this present day in Haverhill or Pentuckett in New England. To have and to hold the said premises to the sd John Eaton his heirs & assignes, paying for the same unto the sd Nathaniel Ward, his executors, administrators & assignes the full sume of twelve pounds of wheat & pipe staves, six pounds worth of one, and six pounds worth of the other, to be delivered to Mr. Richard Russell or Major Sedgwick at Charlestowne before the end of September next ensuing ye date hereof. Such as shall be good & merchantable at the currant price at that tyme and place. In witnesse whereof I have sett to my hand and seal.

Nathaniel Ward.

Wittnes.
Thomas Howlett.
Edmon Bridges."

"One half of this twenty acre lot" was deeded, on the same day, to his son-in-law, George Brown, and the deed was signed by "John Eaton sen. of Haverhill, & Anne his wife." In his will, made Aug. 6 : 1668, John Eaton[1] gave to his children and grand-children some ten or twelve separate lots of land mostly in Haverhill, which he doubtless felt had been a great reward of his labor.

Whatever may have been the cause of the emigration of this family from the old country, one thing is plain, that the leader was a man of conviction who acted upon his own judgment. His general course of conduct, from the time he came to Salisbury till he died in Haverhill clearly shows that he was capable, under God, of being the architect of his own fortune. His autograph, his dealings in real estate, his official relations in Salisbury, his breaking away from his associations there, his choice of a home in Haverhill, and finally his last will and testament, which contains 24 well arranged items wherein are bequests to his wife, and children and grandchildren, are so many testimonies to his intellectual ability and moral integrity. There is only one date of any authority by which we can estimate the ages of the members of this household. One entry in the records of Salisbury shows that John Eaton[2] was b. in 1619. If he was the first born, as he appears to have been, then we may reasonably say that his parents, John and Anne Eaton[1], were b. about 1595 ; m. about 1617. The order of the children's birth seems to be well defined ; and on the supposition that the average difference in their ages was 2½ years, we can fix the probable birth year of each member of the family. "Anne ye wyfe of John Eaton died the 5th of February 1660." "John Eaton sen. and Phebe Dow, wid. of Thomas Dow of Newbury, were married ye 20th of Nov. 1661." John Eaton sen. d. in Haverhill Oct. 29 : 1668, aged about 73 yrs. Mrs. Phebe (Dow) Eaton d. 1672.

Children :—

1. John[2] b. —— 1619; m. Martha Rowlandson of Ipswich, Mass., and res. in Salisbury, Mass.
2. Ann[2] b. about 1622; m. Lieut. George Brown in Salisbury June 25 : 1645, and res. in Haverhill. She d. in Haverhill Dec. 16 : 1683, leaving no children. Lieut. George Brown m., 2d, wid. Hannah Hazen of Rowley, Mass., Mar. 17 : 1684.
3. Elizabeth[2] b. about 1625; m. James Davis of Haverhill, Dec. 1 : 1648, and lived on a farm in Haverhill. Ten children were b. to them: Hannah b. June 19 : 1650. Hester b. Oct. 8 : 1651. Elizabeth b. Mar. 11 : 1654. Ann b. Feb. 13 : 1655. Sarah b. Aug. 5 : 1658. James b. Oct. 3 : 1660. John b. June 30 : 1664, killed in Canada 1690. Daniel b. Sept. 19 : 1666. Elisha b. Aug. 30 : 1670. Constance b. Mar. 9 : 1674.
   Elizabeth, the wife of James Davis, d. Jan. 21 : 1683, and Mr. Davis m., 2d, Mary ——. He himself d. July 18 : 1694.
4. Ruth[2] b. about 1628; m. Samuel Ingalls Dec. 9 : 1656, in Ipswich, Mass., where their children were born, viz: Ruth Nov. 19 : 1657. Samuel Jan. 24 : 1659. Edmund July 23 : 1662. John Aug. 26 : 1664. Joseph Dec. 23 : 1666. Mary Mar. 13 : 1668. Anna Mar. 8 : 1671. Elizabeth Sept. 27 : 1673.
5. Thomas[2] b. about 1631; m., 1st, Martha Kent, and 2d, Eunice Singletery, and lived in Haverhill.
6. Hester[2] b. about 1634. She died in early life, unm.

Of the two sons, John[2] and Thomas[2], John[2] settled in Salisbury and became the head of a numerous race which, for convenience, we call the SALISBURY BRANCH. Thomas[2] settled in Haverhill, and became the head of a long line of descendants which we call the HAVERHILL BRANCH. In this paper we will take up first the Salisbury Branch, and afterward the Haverhill Branch.

SALISBURY BRANCH :—SECOND GENERATION.

JOHN EATON[2] (John[1]) was b. in 1619, probably in England. He appears to have come to Salisbury, Mass., with his father in the winter of 1639–40. About 1644 he m. MARTHA ROWLANDSON, a dau. of Thomas Rowlandson, sen., of Ipswich, Mass., and sister of Rev. Joseph Rowlandson, who was graduated from Harvard University in 1652, the only member of his class. As the latter was b. in England in 1631, the Eatons and Rowlandsons were doubtless known to each other in the fatherland. When John Eaton[1] removed from Salisbury to Haverhill in Nov.: 1646, it is said that he made over his homestead on "the great neck," with other real estate, to his son John Eaton[2], who occupied it till his death. And in his will dated Sept. 12 : 1682, the latter bequeathed it in turn to his son John Eaton[3], who was the first child mentioned in the will. I therefore insert his name at the head of the list, though it does not appear in the records of Salisbury in connection with

the other children. John Eaton[2] was the possessor of much real estate, as is indicated by the fact that in the division of his land by will among his five sons, he gave to "Ephraim my son my great division of land above the mill being 90 acres." In deeds of conveyances of land he was sometimes called "cooper," and at other times "planter." In the first paragraph of his will occurs this sentence: "I commend my soul to Almighty God, my Creator, assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of my sins, and be saved by the precious death and merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus." He d. Nov. 1 : 1682. Martha, his wife, d. about 30 years afterwards, July, 1712, a woman of great age, and of great excellency of character.

Children :—

1. Hester[3] b. Aug., 1645 ; d. 1649.
2. John[3] b. about 1646 ; m. Mary ——, and lived in Salisbury.
3. Thomas[3] b. Jan. 17 : 1647 ; m. Hannah Hubbard, and lived in Salisbury. She was probably a descendant of Wm. Hubbard, "an eminent inhabitant" of Ipswich, Mass.
4. Martha[3] b. Aug. 12 : 1648 ; m., 1st, Benjamin Collins of Salisbury, July 9 : 1668, by whom she had two children, John Collins and Benjamin Collins, and perhaps others. Her 1st husband d. 1683, and she m., 2d, Philip Flanders of Salisbury.
5. Elizabeth[3] b. Dec. 12 : 1650 ; m. John Groth, of Salisbury, Jan. 7 : 1673. He was adm. to practice medicine in 1679 at Hampton.
6. Ann[3] b. Dec. 17 : 1652 ; d. June 12 : 1658.
7. Sarah[3] b. Feb. 28 : 1655 ; m. Robert Downer of Salisbury, May 6 : 1675, and had Robert Downer and Sarah Downer ; perhaps others.
8. Mary[3] b. Dec. 9 : 1656 ; d. Jan. 1 : 1657.
9. Samuel[3] b. Feb. 14 : 1659. A mariner. No account of marriage.
10. Joseph[3] b. Mar. 1 : 1661 ; m. Mary French, and lived in Salisbury.
11. Ephraim[3] b. April 12 : 1663 ; m. Mary True, and lived in Salisbury.

SALISBURY BRANCH :—THIRD GENERATION.

JOHN EATON[3] (John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., about 1646. He m. MARY —— about 1684, and appears to have occupied a part of his late father's estate on "the neck lot of upland in Salisbury." He seems to have had a strong passion for real estate. Not satisfied with what was offered in Salisbury, he extended his purchases into Maine, into Winnegance Cove, as far as 25 miles N. E. of Portland. The names of his sons John[4] and William[4], mentioned first among the sons in the will, are omitted in the family record as returned to the clerk of the town. As the sons are evidently named in the order of birth in the will, they are here inserted in their proper place. Will dated Jan. 15 : 1718. He d. Jan. 17 : 1718.

Children :—

1. Mary[4] b. Dec. 13 : 1685. Not mentioned in the will.
2. John[4] b. about June, 1687 ; m. Esther Swett of Hampton, N. H.

3. William[4] b. about Nov., 1689 ; m. Mary Littlefield of Wells, Me.
4. James[4] b. April 27 : 1691. Not mentioned in the will.
5. Samuel[4] b. Nov. 25 : 1692 ; m. Huldah Worthen, res. in Salisbury.
6. Martha[4] b. Sept. 5 : 1695 ; m. Isaac Buswell of Salisbury, Dec. 20 : 1718.
7. Jonathan[4] b. Oct. 2 : 1698 ; m. Judith Ash, res. in Salisbury.
8. Thomas[4] b. Mar. 21 : 1701 ; m. Mehitable Silley, res. in Salisbury.
9. Daniel[4] b. July 13 : 1704 ; d. young.
10. Daniel[4] b. Mar. 11 : 1710 ; m. Nancy Pike, res. in Salisbury.

THOMAS EATON[3] (John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Jan. 17 : 1647. He m. HANNAH HUBBARD at Salisbury, Nov. 14 : 1679, and settled on a farm in Salisbury, "laid out to him in the peak division, so called, 9th lot," where his children were born. Previous to 1687, however, he moved his family to Boston, where he d. July 9 : 1699.

Children :—

1. Thomas[4] b. Sept. 15 : 1680 ; d. in Boston, 1699.
2. Hannah[4] b. June 23 : 1682 ; d. in Salisbury, July 8 : 1683.
3. Hannah[4] b. Mar. 10 : 1684. Of Boston 1711, singlewoman.

JOSEPH EATON[3] (John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Mar. 1 : 1661. He m. MARY FRENCH, also of Salisbury, Dec. 14 : 1683, and had his res. in Salisbury, perhaps on "the three acres of land at Sandy Hill be it more or less," left him by his father. He was a house carpenter, though like his brother John, he dealt largely in real estate. He was promoted to the rank of Capt. in the militia. He was fond of hunting and trapping, and at the right seasons of the year he would go with others as far east as Brunswick, Maine, and on his return he would entertain his family with many pleasing and exciting incidents of his excursion. By those stories three of his sons were fired with an adventurous spirit and must needs seek their fortune in the forests of Maine. Mary, his wife, d. July 12 : 1726. Capt. Joseph Eaton ent. his int. of m. the 2d time with MARY WORSTER of Bradford, Mass. in Nov., 1726, and was probably m. soon after. His second wife d. Sept. 2 : 1759. The Capt. himself d. Jan. 13 : 1743, in full age, having appointed his son Nicholas sole executor of his will.

Children :—

1. John[4] b. Aug. 23 : 1684 ; d. Dec. 12 : 1684.
2. John[4] b. Oct. 18 : 1685 ; m. Esther Johnson of Kingston, N. H. and res Salisbury.
3. Samuel[4] b. Dec. 7 : 1687 ; m. Mary Malcom, res. Brunswick, Me.
4. Joseph[4] b. Aug. 14 : 1690 ; m. Mary French, res. Newbury.
5. Benjamin[4] b. Feb. 14 : 1693 ; m. Sarah Merrill, res. Salisbury.
6. Moses[4] b. May 18 : 1695. Killed by the Indians near Brunswick, Me.
7. Mary[4] b. April 9 : 1697 ; m. Benjamin True of Salisbury Jan. 4 : 1715.
8. Nicholas[4] b. Sept. 12 : 1699 ; m. Mercy Walton, res. Salisbury.
9. Sarah[4] b. May 20 : 1701 ; m. David Buswell of Bradford, June 30 : 1726.
10. Jacob[4] b. April 16 : 1703 ; m. 1st, Sarah Plumer, and 2d, Sarah Malcom, res. Topsham, Me.

EPHRAIM EATON[3] (John[2], John[1]) was born in Salisbury, Mass., April 12: 1663. He m. MARY TRUE also of Salisbury, Feb. 5: 1689. She was probably the dau. of Henry and Jane (Bradbury) True, b. May 30: 1668. They res. in Salisbury. He was a cooper and a farmer. In addition to his father's bequest to him of "90 acres above the mill," his mother gave him "all my upland meadow and common right in said town given me by my sister Wells, after my natural life is ended." Ephraim Eaton[3] also owned land in Haverhill. Mary Eaton was admitted to membership in the 1st Church Feb. 19: 1699. On the 28th of May following her four children were baptized, and each child born afterwards received the rite in early infancy. Ephraim[3] the father, d. testate, June 8: 1723. Mary, the mother, d. about 1748.

Children:—

1. Mary[4] b. Dec. 11: 1689; m. Jacob Green of Hampton, N. H. in 1713; adm. to 1st Church May 20: 1713.
2. Ephraim[4] b. May 24: 1692; "published to Mary Bartlett of Newbury, Jan. 12: 1722 and forbid."
3. Jane[4], Sept. 13: 1694; adm. to 1st Church, May 10: 1713; m. John Stevens of Salisbury, Dec. 16: 1718.
4. Samuel[4], Aug. 6: 1697; "admtr. of the estate of Samuel Eaton of Hampton Falls, N. H. was granted to his bro. Jabez May 18: 1756." No allusion to wife or children.
5. Jemima[4] b. April 15: 1701; d. Oct. 13: 1709.
6. Henry[4] b. Jan. 22: 1703; m. Mary True, res. Salisbury.
7. Jabez[4] b. Aug. 11: 1705; d. in infancy.
8. Jabez[4] b. Aug. 9: 1708; m. Sarah True, res. Salisbury.

SALISBURY BRANCH:—FOURTH GENERATION.

JOHN EATON, Jr.[4] (John[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass. about 1687. ESTHER SWETT, dau. of James Swett of Hampton, N. H. was b. June 10: 1690. The above couple were joined in m. at Hampton, Nov. 18: 1708. They lived on a farm in Hampton, where several of their children were b., till 1721, when they moved to Salisbury where their other children were b. The record of the last four children is found in Salisbury. The record in Hampton is very incomplete, giving only the date of marriage, and of the birth of Joseph. The other names and dates are supplied from miscellaneous records. Probably there were other children b. in Hampton whose names do not appear on the following list.

Children:—

1. John[5] b. about Sept., 1709; m. Hannah Fowler, res. Hampton Falls, N. H.
2. Joseph[5] b. Aug. 30: 1711; d. young.
3. Benjamin[5] b. about 1718; m. Jane Hutchins, res. Seabrook, N. H.
4. William[5] b. about 1720; m. Ruth Wardwell of York, Me.
5. Thomas[5] b. Mar. 17: 1722; m. Jane Wheeler, res. Seabrook, N. H.
6. Wyman[5] b. July 24: 1725; m. Ruth Merrill, res. Seabrook, N. H.
7. Joseph[5] b. May 9: 1728; m. Sarah Burnell, res. Salisbury.
8. Rachel[5] b. May 2: 1731. ——— ———

NOTE.—William Eaton[5] was the first man who made a permanent settlement on Deer Isle, Maine, in 1762.

WILLIAM EATON[4] (John[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass. about Nov., 1689. His father gave him by will "one half of my land and right in the Winnegant's Cove, so called, at Kennebeck." Will dated Jan. 15 : 1718. Mrs. Rebecca King of Essex Co., Mass. sold "marsh land in Wells, to William Eaton of Wells." Deed dated Oct. 29 : 1718. Records of Wells state that WILLIAM EATON and MARY LITTLEFIELD were joined in marriage Jan. 19 : 1709. The records of the 1st Congregational Church in Wells show that William Eaton united with the church Feb. 10 ; 1722, and that Mary Eaton joined Dec. 23 : 1722. On Feb. 10 : 1723 four children were baptized, viz,—Mary, Sarah, Joshua, William. From 1723 to 1727 three more were baptized, viz,—Martha, Joseph and Ruth. Thus it seems from church records that there were b. to William and Mary Eaton of Wells seven children. In the will of William Eaton of Wells, dated March 31 : 1741, he mentions but four children, in the following order, viz :—Joshua Eaton, Mary Credifer, Ruth Eaton and Joseph Eaton, from which it is evident that the other three died in childhood or youth. He speaks of Ruth and Joseph as under age, and provides "for education, learning and bringing up of my son Joseph until he arrives at 21, and Ruth until she arrives to the age of 18." We thus see that William Eaton of Salisbury, Mass., of the 4th generation, at about the age of 21, set up a branch house of the Eaton Family, from which has gone forth a long line of descendants, doing good service each in his own generation.

From the foregoing records it is apparent that William and Mary Eaton had the following

Children :—

1. Mary[5] b. July 4 : 1710 ; m. Josiah Credifer, res. Wells, Me.
2. Sarah[5] b. Apr. 21 : 1713 ; d. young.
3. Joshua[5] b. Mar. 9 : 1714 ; m. Anna Delzell, res. Wells, Me.
4. William[5] b. Apr. 1 : 1717 ; d. young.
5. Martha[5] b. about 1720 ; d. young.
6. Ruth[5] b. about 1725 ; m. Joshua Adams, res. Wells, Me.
7. Joseph[5] b. about 1727 ; m. Lydia Moulton, res. Wells, Me.

SAMUEL EATON[4] (John[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Nov. 25 : 1692. He m. HULDAH WORTHEN, dau. of John Worthen of Hampton Falls, N. H., in 1713, and lived on a farm in Salisbury, though some of his children may have been b. in Hampton Falls. He mentions in his will sons Jonathan and Samuel, not found in Salisbury records with the other children. The order in which the children are named in the will seems to be—daus. from oldest to youngest, sons from youngest to oldest. Samuel Eaton[4] d. May 7 : 1765.

Children :—

1. Samuel[5] b. about 1714 ; m. Huldah —— about 1744, res. Salisbury till death of his father. Had one son, Samuel[6], b. Aug. 8 : 1747.
2. Jemima[5] b. Oct. 2 : 1717 ; m. Samuel Maxfield of Salisbury, Jan. 13 : 1742.
3. Jonathan[5] b. about 1720 ; m. Nancy —— ——.
4. Elisha[5] b. Feb. 3 : 1723 ; m. Elizabeth Blake, res. Salisbury.

5. Sarah[5] b. July 23 : 1726 ; m. Christopher Toppan of Hampton, N. H., Dec. 14 : 1748.
6. David[5] b. Nov. 15 : 1728 ; m. Lydia Fowler, res. Seabrook, N. H.
7. Martha[5] b. Jan. 22 : 1730 ; m. —— Drake ——.
8. Lydia b. Aug. 8 : 1737 ; —— ——.

JONATHAN EATON[4] (John[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Oct. 2 : 1698. He m. JUDITH ASH of Salisbury Nov. 24 : 1720. He was a farmer of some means in Salisbury, where all his children were born. And though his family was large, yet a fortnight before he died he made a division of his estate, and gave to his wife and children their allotted parts. He d. July 7 : 1745.

Children :—

1. Theophilus[5] b. July 3 : 1721 ; m. Abigail Fellows, res. Deer Isle, Me.
2. Nancy[5] b. Nov. 15, 1723 ; —— ——.
   Either *Nancy* or *Patience* m. a —— Pritchard of Newburyport, and has descendants there now (1891).
3. Patience[5] b. Apr. 6 : 1725 ; —— ——.
4. Abel[5] b. Mar. 1 : 1727 ; Entered his int. of m. at Brunswick, Me., with Mrs. Dorcas Coombs Oct. 22 : 1750, and settled on a farm in Georgetown, Me.; m. 2d, Sarah Brown of Eastham, Jan. 26 : 1763.
5. Thomas[5] b. Feb. 8 : 1729 : m. Eunice Moulton of Newbury.
6. Ezekiel[5] b. Dec. 7 : 1730 : m. Mary Campbell, res. Sandown, N. H.
7. James[5] b. Feb. 11 : 1733 : d. July 21 : 1748.
8. Joseph[5] b. Jan. — : 1735 : d. May 5 : 1736.
9. Mary[5] b. Aug. 17 : 1737 : d. Nov. 1 : 1737.
10. Judith[5] b. Oct. 14 : 1738 : d. May 6 : 1740.
11. Joseph[5] b. Mar. 7 : 1741 : m. Perhaps Sarah Webster, res. Newbury, Mass.
12. Jonathan[5] b. Sept. 6 : 1745 ; m. Diana Dow. Settled on Deer Isle, Me.

THOMAS EATON[4] (John[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., March 21 : 1701. MEHITABLE SILLEY, "dau. of Benony Silley and Elenor his wife," was b. in Salisbury, Feb. 15 : 1704. The above couple were joined in marriage at Salisbury, Jan. 6 : 1727. He must have died very soon after marriage, for it is recorded in Salisbury, that "wid. MEHITABLE EATON was married to ELIHU DOW of Salisbury, May 6 : 1728."

DANIEL EATON[4] (John[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass. Mar. 11 : 1710, and bap. Apr. 23 : 1710. He m. NANCY PIKE of Salisbury about 1730, and lived on a farm in Salisbury. His bro. Jonathan's[4] homestead was at or near the neck bridge so called. This was at length deeded to Daniel[4], Mar. 15 : 1750, said to "contain 20 acres near the neck bridge with buildings." This estate, with some variations in the number of acres, was occupied by John Eaton[1], and bequeathed by him to his son John Eaton[2], and the latter bequeathed it to his son John Eaton[3], by whom it was bequeathed to his son Jonathan Eaton[4], and after his death, the estate came by the way of trade, into the hands of Daniel Eaton[4]. "The great neck" is a large plat of rich upland almost surrounded by a tract of marshy grounds. The Eaton

homestead is described as being on this neck of upland near the "neck bridge." On this ancestral farm there were born to Daniel and Nancy Eaton fourteen children, after which he lived over forty years, dying Sept. 20 : 1798.

Children :—

1. William[5] b. June 12 : 1731 ; m. wid. —— Arnold, lived in Salisbury, d. 1814 without issue.
2. Abigail[5] b. May 21 : 1733 ; d. May 22 : 1736.
3. Mary[5] b. July 23 : 1735 ; d. Dec. 13 : 1736.
4. Moses[5] b. Aug. 3 : 1737 ; d. young.
5. Abigail[5] b. May 31 : 1739 ; m. Jonathan Ealot, lived in Salisbury.
6. Joshua[5] b. Mar. 9 : 1741. Mariner, never married.
7. Mary[5] b. May 27 : 1743. Lived in the homestead, singlewoman, till she d. July 15 : 1834.
8. Daniel[5] b. May 19 : 1745 ; m. Hannah Walton, and d. Sandwich, N. H.
9. Benjamin[5] b. Aug. 4 : 1747 ; m. Mary Manning of Newburyport.
10. Nancy[5] b. Sept. 5 : 1749 ; m. John Hinkson of Salisbury.
11. Martha[5] b. Aug. 30 : 1751 ; m. Abel Eaton, son of Wyman, int. entered Dec. 11 : 1776. Lived in Salisbury and had three daughters.
12. Bette[5] b. about 1753 ; m. Caleb Pike. Lived in Salisbury and had sons and daughters.
13. Sarah[5] b. about 1755 ; m. William Pike of Salisbury. No issue.
14. James[5] b. about 1757 ; m. Sarah Eaton, dau. of Wyman, June 17 : 1778. Lived at the old homestead "near the neck bridge."

JOHN EATON[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Oct. 18 : 1685. He m. ESTHER JOHNSON of Kingston, N. H., about 1713, and res. in Salisbury. He was a housewright. Esther, the wife, d. Jan. 22 : 1728, having had at least seven children. John Eaton[4] m., 2d, ELIZABETH HOOK, July 2 : 1728, by whom he had two children. He himself d. Mar. 1 : 1746. "Adm. was granted to his son Joseph, cordwainer, of said Salisbury, his mother Elizabeth having declined the appointment."

Children :—

1. John[5] b. May 13 : 1714 ; d. June 9 : 1736.
2. Joseph[5] b. Aug. 30 : 1715 ; m. Jane True of Salisbury, Jan. 11 : 1737. Settled in Hawke, N. H., where he d. Jan. 15 : 1776.
3. Abigail[5] b. Sept. 27 : 1716 ; m. Jacob Bradley of Salisbury, Dec. 18 : 1733.
4. Benjamin[5] b. about Oct., 1718 ; d. March 14 : 1737.
5. Hannah[5] b. Sept. 7 : 1721. —— ——.
6. Mary[5] b. Mar. 27 : 1723 ; m. Benjamin Kimball of Hampstead, N. H., Dec. 22, 1742. Issue seven sons and one dau. Mary d. Aug. 29 : '57.
7. Moses[5] b. Dec. 28 : 1724 ; d. June 6 : 1736.
8. Esther[5] b. Jan. 16 : 1728 ; d. June 5 : 1736.
   The mother d. Jan. 22 : 1728.
9. Elizabeth[5] b. Oct. 21 : 1730 ; d. June 6 : 1736.
10. John[5] b. Sept. 22 : 1732 ; m. Mary Merrill of Salisbury, Jan. 25 : 1770.

NOTE.—MRS. ELIZABETH (HOOK) EATON m. for her 2d husband ABNER LOWELL, Dec. 28 : 1752.

SAMUEL EATON[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Dec. 7 : 1687. He inherited a love of exploration. To gratify it he plunged into the forests of Maine, and finally settled in what is now Brunswick. The following quotation from "Wheeler's Hist. of Brunswick, &c.," is true with exceptions noted in parenthesis: "Samuel Eaton, the ancestor of the Brunswick family of this name, came to Brunswick from Salisbury, Mass., early in the last century, and built a house on what is now the southern corner of Bank and Main streets, where the billiard saloon stands (1878). He had two children and perhaps more. One of his children, Samuel, was a soldier in Fort George in 1722. (The soldier must have been the father who was probably not m. till about 1715). He was the one sent to Georgetown with a letter to Captains Harmon and Moody. The letter was tied in his hair. When it was not safe by land, he took to the water and swam. The other son, Moses (brother b. May 18 : 1695), was taken prisoner in June, 1722, cruelly mutilated and carried to Pleasant Point where the Indians killed him." SAMUEL EATON[4] m. MARY MALCOM, dau. of John Malcom of Brunswick, formerly of Salisbury, about 1715. Martin Eaton, a great grandson b. 1796, says that Samuel[4] had two sons, Enoch[5] and Daniel[5]. Enoch[5] was drowned in boyhood. Daniel[5] was b. 1722, through whom has descended the Eaton family of Brunswick, Me. "MARY EATON int. m. with THOMAS STODDARD 1747." She must have been a dau. of Samuel and Mary (Malcom) Eaton, b. about 1727 or earlier.

JOSEPH EATON[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Aug. 14 : 1690. He m. MARY FRENCH, also of Salisbury, Mar. 25 : 1724. They probably lived in Newbury, Mass. He d. in a few years after marriage, for "Adm. of Joseph Eaton of Newbury was granted to his widow Mary, April 4 : 1727. In the will of his father, Capt. Joseph Eaton, dated Mar. 14 : 1742, bequest is made "To two daughters, Mary and Sarah, of my son Joseph deceased."

Children :—

1. Mary[5] b. Jan. 9 : 1725. ——— ———.
2. Sarah[5] b. May — : 1727 ; m. Joshua Pike of Salisbury, Feb. 25 : 1750.

The widow, MARY EATON, was m., 2d, to Ensign ANDREW DOWNER of Salisbury, Jan. 24 : 1740.

BENJAMIN EATON[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Feb. 14 : 1693. He m. SARAH MERRILL of Salisbury, Feb. 3 : 1718. He was adm. to the first Church in Jan., 1728, and his wife was adm. a month later, both having been baptized in infancy. Mr. Eaton was a carpenter. He d. early in 1737. She d. Apr. 9 : 1743.

Children :—

1. Abraham[5] b. Feb. 9 : 1720 ; d. March 25 : 1720.
2. Abraham[5] b. May 13 : 1721 ; bap. May 15 : 1721 ; m., 1st, Martha True, and 2d, Thankful Hubbard, res. Salisbury.
3. Sarah[5] b. Mar. 1 : 1723 ; bap. Mar. 10 : 1723 ; m. Jabez True, Jr., of Salisbury, Feb. 10 : 1741.

4. Anne[5] b. Mar. 30 : 1725 ; m. Thomas Arnold of Newbury, Nov. 10 : 1747. Issue one dau. and two sons.
5. Rhoda[5] b. Mar. 15 : 1726 ; bap. Mar. 19 : 1726 ; m. Joseph Dow of Salisbury, Dec. 9 : 1747.
6. Elizabeth[5] b. Oct. 19 : 1729 ; bap. Oct. 19 : 1729 ; m. Simon Noyes of Newbury, Nov. 9 : 1754, 2d wife. Issue 3 children.
7. Benjamin[5] b. Dec. 29 : 1731 ; bap. Jan. 2 : 1732 ; d. Oct. 22 : 1737.
8. Rachel[5] b. Apr. 1 : 1735 ; bap. Apr. 6 : 1735 ; d. Oct. 20 : 1737.

NICHOLAS EATON[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Sept. 12 : 1699. He was adm. to the 1st Church April 7 : 1728. His father, Capt. Joseph Eaton[3], in his will dated Feb. 2 : 1735, appointed his son Nicholas sole executor, and made him residuary legatee of his estate, including the homestead, household goods, live stock, &c. Having this home, he desired a companion, so he m., though late in life, MERCY WALTON, about 1756–7, and had one child, *Rebecca*[5], b. Dec. 24 : 1757, and d. Sept. 2 : 1759.

JACOB EATON[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., April 16 : 1703 ; bap. Aug. 1 : 1708 ; pub. to SARAH PLUMER in Newbury, Mass., Apr. 16 : 1726, to whom he was shortly afterwards married. The births of two children are recorded in Newbury :—

1. Sarah[5] b. May 17 : 1727.
2. Hannah[5] b. Nov. 5 : 1728.

The same spirit animated him that inspired his brother Samuel[4]. So he went East. He was in Topsham, Maine, as early as 1730. His wife, *Sarah Plumer*, d. *when* is not known. He m. a 2d time SARAH MALCOM. Whether she was a dau. of John or of Michael Malcom does not appear. The marriage must have occurred as early as 1740. It is certain that three sons were b. to them :—

1. Jacob b. April 8 : 1741 ; m. Elizabeth Thorn in Topsham, Nov. 27 : 1764. Drowned in St. John's Falls.
2. Joseph b. about Nov., 1742, m. Jane McGlathery of New Harbor, Feb. 28 : 1769, res. Camden, Me.
3. Benjamin b. May 20 : 1744 ; m. Tabitha Whalen, and res. in Topsham.

These sons appear to have been born in Topsham, where their father, Jacob Eaton[4], remained till some time in the fall of 1744. In Oct. of that year he was in York, where he continued till 1748, when he returned to Topsham. He is called blacksmith, husbandman, and Dep. Sheriff—the latter in York.

HENRY EATON[4] (Ephraim[3] John[2] John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Jan. 22 : 1703. He was bap. June 11 : 1704. He was m. to MARY TRUE, dau. of Ensign Henry True of Salisbury, Aug. 10 : 1727. He was a cordwainer and res. in Salisbury on the farm of his wife's father. By will his own father gave

him and his brother Samuel all his land in Haverhill, with a clause inserted that if either desired to sell, it should be to the other. Henry and Mary (True) Eaton were members of the Church in Salisbury, and were faithful to the covenant in this:—they had all their children bap. in early infancy. Mary the mother d. Oct. 28 : 1790. Capt. Henry, the father, d. Dec. 20 : 1790.

Children :—

1. Mary[5] b. June 20 : 1728 ; int. m. with Nathan Green of Hampton, May 1 : 1756.
2. Jemima[5] b. July 31 : 1730 ; d. May 4 : 1736.
3. True[5] b. Mar. 1 : 1733 ; d. Apr. 30 : 1752.
4. Henry[5] b. Aug. 5 : 1735 ; d. Oct. 22 : 1758.
5. Sarah[5] b. Dec. 4 : 1737. She may have m. Henry Maxfield, whose dau. Sarah m. Nath'l Hopkinson in 1769.
6. Abigail[5] b. May 10 : 1740 ; d. May 31 : 1746.
7. Johannah[5] b. Sept. 5 : 1742 ; d. Aug. : 1768.
8. Ephraim[5] b. Feb. 1 : 1745 ; m., 1st, Abigail Perkins. Settled in Camden, N. H., 1773 ; 2d, Sarah Stevens.
9. Peter[5] b. Mar. 23 : 1747 ; d. in infancy.
10. Peter[5] b. Mar. 25 : 1748 ; m. Abigail Greeley, and res. in Salisbury, on Little River near "Huckleberry Mill."
11. Timothy[5] b. Mar. 11 : 1750 ; m. —— ——, res. Hampton Falls, N. H. Inventory ren. Mar. 10 : 1791. Dau. Rachel the only heir mentioned.

JABEZ EATON[4] (Ephraim[3], John[2], John[1]) was b. in Salisbury, Aug. 9 : 1708 ; bap. Oct. 10 : 1708 ; m. SARAH TRUE, dau. of Ensign Henry True, Jan. 16 : 1732. They lived at first in Salisbury, where the births of their children are recorded, though the last five were born in Hampton Falls, where he d. in 1761, as Prob. records state that adm. on estate of Lieut. Jabez Eaton of Hampton Falls, was ordered Oct. 28 : 1761, he having d. of small pox Jan. 28 : 1760. Bap. of children in Salisbury.

Children :—

1. Sarah[5] b. May 3 : 1733 ; d. young.
2. Paul[5] b. Jan. 19 : 1735 ; d. Oct. 7 : 1736.
3. Jemima[5] b. about 1736 ; d. Oct. 3 : 1736.
4. Samuel[5] b. Apr. 20 : 1737 ; m. Rachel Greeley of Salisbury.
5. Paul[5] b. Aug. 29 : 1739 ; m., 1st, Mary Tilton, res. Candia, N. H. 2d, Hannah Emerson.
6. Sarah[5] b. July 3 : 1743 ; m. Robert Smith, res. Salisbury, N. H.
7. Jabez[5] b. Sept. 17 : 1746 ; d. 1819, testate, unm.
8. Joshua[5] b. July 15 : 1749 ; m. Anne Smith Gill, and lived in Seabrook.
9. Abigail[5] b. April 30 : 1752. ——— ———.
10. Mary[5] b. Apr. 22 : 1755 ; d. unm. Oct. 1 : 1800.

END OF 4TH GENERATION OF SALISBURY BRANCH.

Having presented in the preceding pages a tabulated account of the SALISBURY BRANCH down to the fifth generation, we now take up the HAVERHILL BRANCH of the same family, and pursue it in the same manner and for the same number of generations. For the first generation, see pages 15 to 17 inclusive.

HAVERHILL BRANCH:—SECOND GENERATION.

THOMAS EATON[2] (John[1]) was b., it is supposed, in England, about 1631. He was with his parents in Salisbury, and went with them to Haverhill, Mass., Nov.: 1646. Here he m. MARTHA KENT, Aug. 14: 1656. She d. Mar. 9: 1657, leaving a daughter about 10 days old. Thomas Eaton[2] m. for his 2d wife, EUNICE SINGLETERY at Andover, Mass., Jan. 6: 1659. She was the dau. of Richard and Susanna Singletery of Salisbury, and was b. Jan. 7: 1641. They lived on a farm in Haverhill, where all their children were born. In 1652 Thomas Eaton was one of 37 signers to a petition to the General Court to revoke the sentence of disfranchisement against Robert Pike for freedom of speech. In 1675 he was one of the Selectmen of the town. In 1692 Ensign Thomas Eaton was first Selectman. In 1697 Ensign Eaton was one of a Com. on location of meeting house. He was much interested in Church and town affairs, and was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. He was a "well-to-do" farmer. After his decease, Dec. 15: 1708, the inventory of his estate amounted to £404 5s. His wife, Unes, as he wrote it in his will, d. Oct. 5: 1715.

Children:—

1. Martha[3] b. Feb. 27: 1657; d. young.
2. Thomas[3] b. Mar. 18: 1660; m. Hannah Webster of Haverhill.
3. Lydia[3] b. July 23: 1662; m. Jacob Hardy.
4. John[3] b. Mar. 6: 1664; m. Mary Singletery of Haverhill.
5. Jonathan[3] b. Apr. 23: 1668; m., 1st, Sarah Sanders, 2d, Ruth Page, of Haverhill.
6. Job[3] b. Apr. 22: 1671; m. Mary Simons of Haverhill.
7. Timothy[3] b. May 19: 1674; m. Ruth Chapman.
8. Ebenezer[3] b. Apr. 5: 1677. He was a rich bachelor farmer, who occupied the homestead of his father. The inventory of his estate, returned July 25: 1737, amounted to £1757 13s. It was divided into seven shares, and distributed to his brothers and sisters or their heirs.
9. Martha[3] b. Mar. 16: 1680; m. Thomas Roby.
10. Ruth[3] b. Nov. 23: 1684. She m., 1st, Ebenezer Kimball of Haverhill, by whom she had three children: 1. Jemima b. Oct. 22: 1709. 2. Abner b. Apr. 20: 1712. 3. Abraham b. Jan. 3: 1714. Mr. Kimball d. Jan. 23: 1715. After this Mrs. Ruth Kimball m., 2d, Stephen Johnson, perhaps a son of John Johnson, to whom was given a house with land that he might settle in town as a blacksmith in 1656.

HEVERHILL BRANCH:—THIRD GENERATION.

THOMAS EATON, JR.[3] (Thomas[2], John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Mar. 18, 1660, being the first male child of the Eaton family born in Haverhill. He m. HANNAH WEBSTER of Haverhill, May 5 : 1684, and probably lived on the farm deeded him by his father, in consideration of "natural love and affection." This farm the father had "purchased of Henry Kimball, Dec. 6 : 1682:" it consisted of two lots, "one of 4 acres of upland," and "another lot adj. thereto on the west of 12 acres, laid out in ox commons land." Dec. 6 : 1682. Thomas Eaton, Jr., was killed by the Indians Mar. 15 : 1697, on the same day that Mrs. Hannah Dustin was taken prisoner. His widow, Hannah, d. Aug. 14 : 1747. The Eaton neighborhood for a hundred years and more was in plain sight of the Dustin homestead.

Children:—

1. Stephen[4] b. Mar. 21 : 1685; d. Nov. 29 : 1685.
2. Thomas[4] b. Aug. 7 : 1686; m. Lydia Kimball.
3. Hannah[4] b. Sept. 30 : 1688; m. Caleb Allen of Enfield, Mass., Apr. 4 : 1721.
4. Judith[4] b. Mar. 5 : 1691; m. Joseph Hazeltine Nov. 28 : 1717, and had five daus. and one son. The son and three daus. d. young.
5. Joseph[4] b. Feb. 18 : 1693; d. about 1715, unm., a weaver.
6. Lydia[4] b. Oct. 18 : 1694; m. Joseph Harriman of Haverhill, May 23 : 1723, and had 4 daus. and 3 sons; one son and one dau. d. young.
7. Nathaniel[4] b. Aug. 14 : 1696; d. Jan. 10 : 1698.

NOTE—"In town meeting in 1714, several women petitioned for leave to build a women's pew in the meeting house; among them were Hannah Eaton and Judith Eaton."

JOHN EATON[3] (Thomas[2], John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Mar. 6 : 1664. He was m. to MARY SINGLETERY of Haverhill, June 25 : 1700, and settled on a farm in said town, where all his children were born. Mary, the wife, d. Jan. 26 : 1729. John Eaton[3] d. July 10 : 1736.

Children:—

1. Mary[4] b. Apr. 10 : 1701; m. Thomas Whittier of Methuen, Aug. 21 : 1729.
2. Sarah[4] b. June 4 : 1703; d. unm.
3. John[4] b. Feb. 5 : 1705; m. Judith Hale of Newbury.
4. Anne[4] b. Apr. 19 : 1708; spinster; d. Nov. 26 : 1766, in Haverhill. Inv'y of her estate £ 66.
5. Moses[4] b. Sept. 6 : 1710; m. Susanna Levant of Haverhill.
6. Nathaniel[4] b. Apr. 28 : 1714; d. young.
7. Thomas[4] b. May 25 : 1717; d. young.
8. Eunice[4] b. May 6 : 1720; d. young.

NOTE—In the settlement of the estate of John Eaton[3], his two daus., Mary and Anne, sold their portion to their bro. John[4], who took the homestead and paid all debts.

JONATHAN EATON[3] (Thomas[2], John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Apr. 23 : 1668. He was m. to SARAH SANDERS of Haverhill, Mar. 17 : 1695, and had one son born on the same day (Mar. 9 : 1697) with Mrs. Dustin's child [whose brains were dashed out six days afterwards against an apple tree that stood on Jonathan Eaton's land.] That his wife might escape from the attack of the Indians, she was concealed in a swamp near by, and by this exposure she took a cold which was the cause of her death, though she continued till April 23 : 1698. Jonathan Eaton was m. a 2d time to RUTH PAGE of Haverhill, Jan. 23 : 1699. He was a farmer and lived on the original Eaton homestead deeded him "from love" by his father Thomas[2], who says that it "was formerly my father John Eaton's." The inventory of Jonathan Eaton's estate, "appraised 6 May 1724 amtg. to £743–2–6," quite a large real estate, mentions "homestead 38 acres with old house, a new house with boards, nails and bricks and all other materials ready to finish it." The cellar, where this new house stood, was all that marked the site in 1888. It was found in the West Parish, a little south of the old grave yard. Of Jonathan Eaton's six children, only three lived to be married. He d. Jan. 20 : 1723, and Ruth, the mother, d. Apr. 2 : 1743.

Children :—

1. James[4] b. Mar. 9 : 1697, 1st wife ; m. Rachel (Kimball) Ayer.
2. Nathaniel[4] b. Mar. 5 : 1701 ; d. early in life.
3. Sarah[4] b. Mar. 7 : 1702 ; d. young.
4. Jonathan[4] b. Mar. 30 : 1705 ; m. Jane Page of Haverhill.
5. David[4] b. Feb. 14 : 1707 ; d. young.
6. Ruth[4] b. Apr. 17, 1712 ; m. Samuel Merrill of Haverhill, May 2 : 1732, and had 2 daus. and 2 sons ; the first born d. in infancy.

JOB EATON[3] (Thomas[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Apr. 22 : 1671. He m. MARY SIMONS of said Haverhill, Jan. 10 : 1698. He occupied a small farm in the West Parish, where his children were born. He d. Sept. 17 : 1717. The widow, MARY EATON, and JOHN MARSH, both of Haverhill, were m. Feb. 8, 1721. A month before, Jan. 11, Mr. Marsh was chosen Dea., and held the office till his death, Nov. 24 : 1733.

Children of Job and Mary Eaton :—

1. Samuel[4] b. Oct. 5 : 1699 ; m. Mehitable Harriman of Haverhill.
2. Thomas[4] b. Feb. 20 : 1701 ; m. Mehitable Carter of Methuen.
3. Abigail[4] b. Feb. 14 : 1703 ; d. young.
4. Mary[4] b. June 9 : 1707 ; m. Isaac Dalton of Haverhill, Dec. 28 : 1727, a cordwainer, and had 4 sons and 6 daus. Isaac, the husband, d. at Cape Brittain. Mary, the wife, d. in Haverhill, July 6 : 1758.

TIMOTHY EATON[3] (Thomas[2], John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., May 19 : 1674. He m. RUTH CHAPMAN about 1703, and lived on a farm in Haverhill. He dealt largely in real estate. In his will, prob. July 5 : 1763, from which it is evident that he left no children nor grandchildren, he divided his real estate among 14 legatees, among which was " Rev. Benjamin Parker, Cong[1].

minister of the East Parish in Haverhill, all my homestead lying between Moses Hazen and the present parsonage land, after my wife's decease." He appointed Benjamin Parker extr. and made him residuary legatee. This "homestead" given to Mr. Parker, according to History of Haverhill, "was occupied in 1860 by Henry Davis, next north of Joshua Lake."

THOMAS EATON[4] (Thomas,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 7 : 1686. He m. LYDIA KIMBALL May 22 : 1729 and resided on a farm in Haverhill. In his will, "proved 17 Apr. 1767," he "provides for wife's support during widowhood," makes legacies to his surviving children, constitutes Joseph, his first born, executor, and gives him the balance of the estate after paying legacies. As Joseph lived and died on the farm opposite the old garrison house, it is supposed that he received it from his father.

Children :—

1. Joseph[5] b. Feb. 27 : 1730 ; m. Sarah Webster of Haverhill, Jan. 24 : 1754, and had 10 children. One was Rev. Peter Eaton, D.D., of Boxford, Mass.
2. Thomas[5] b. Sept. 18 : 1731; d. Jan. 10 : 1740.
3. Moses[5] b. Jan. 29 : 1734 ; m. Anna Webster of Plaistow, N. H., Feb. 5 : 1760; res. in Hampstead, N. H., then in Pelham, N. H., and afterwards in Francestown, N. H.
4. Lydia[5] b. Apr. 13 : 1736 ; m. Stephen Noyes of Plaistow, N. H., early in 1757, and had three sons and two daus.
5. Nathaniel[5] b. Mar. 5 : 1738 ; d. Mar. 29 : 1739.
6. Mehitable[5] b. Aug. 17 : 1741 ; m. Eben. Bagley.
7. Thomas[5] b. Feb. 3 : 1744 ; m. Mary Swaine about 1768 and settled on a farm on Beech Hill in Concord, N. H.
8. Hannah[5] b. Mar. 17 : 1747 ; m. Abraham Emerson of Haverhill, July 16 : 1767, and had four daus. and five sons. She d. Mar. 30 : 1819.

JOHN EATON[4] (John,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 5 : 1705. He m. JUDITH HALE of Newbury, Mass., Oct. 21 : 1741. In his will, made Jan. 23 : 1788, and proved in Aug. of the same year, he made liberal bequests to his two daughters, and gave "to his son Moses, all the balance both real and personal, and appointed him Exr." The son was finally dismissed from this office, and the estate was settled by Samuel Walker who found the assets and liabilities about equal.

Hist. of Hav. says: "In 1774, John Eaton, after faithfully serving as Town Clerk and Treasurer for the long period of fifty-seven years retired from office . . ." "That he was well fitted for the responsible post, and commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen, is abundantly demonstrated by his fifty-six annual reëlections to the office . . ." "Clark Eaton lived in the house now owned and occupied (1860) by Joseph B. Spiller, just below the button woods."

If Mr. Chase is correct in his history of the time John Eaton served as clerk, and the town records are correct in the date of his birth, then he was first elected to the office at the remarkable age of twelve years. It seems as if there must be an error somewhere.

Children :—

1. John[5] b. Jan. 12 : 1743. He was killed at Bunker Hill June 17 : 1775. It would seem unm.
2. Mary[5] b. June 1 : 1745. She was unm. at the time her father's will was made, Jan. 23 : 1788. After that she may possibly have m. Isaac Pearson, as "a payment on legacy" was made to him previous to Aug. 7 : 1792.
3. Timothy[5] b. Apr. 8 : 1748. No allusion made to him in his father's will.
4. Moses[5] b. Jan. 20 : 1751. In the settlement of his father's estate he seemed like a crotchety old bachelor.
5. Sarah[5] b. May 11 : 1754; m. Moses Parker of Bradford, Mass., May 24 : 1781. Has descendants in Salem, Mass.

MOSES EATON[4] (John,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 6 : 1710. He m. SUSANNA LEVANT of Haverhill, June 21 : 1768. Like his bro. John[4] he m. late in life. He lived on a farm in Haverhill where his children were born. He d. May 31 : 1774.

Children :—

1. Moses[5] b. Oct. 11 : 1768 ; m. Betsey Plummer.
2. Nathaniel[5] b. Nov. 6 : 1770 ; m. Sarah Emerson of Haverhill, Oct. 11 : 1797.
3. Ebenezer[5] b. Aug. 6 : 1773. ——— ———.

JAMES EATON[4] (Jonathan,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Mar. 9 : 1697. When six days old he was concealed with his mother in a neighboring swamp, and thus escaped the fate of the Dustin infant of the same age, whom the Indians killed. The mother d. from the exposure about thirteen months afterwards. Jimmy was very feeble for many years, but finally attained to good powers of body and of mind. Samuel Ayer, Jr., and Rachel Kimball, both of Haverhill, were m. May 17 : 1726, and had one son, Samuel Ayer, b. Feb. 13 : 1727. Mr. Ayer, Sen., d., and JAMES EATON[4] and wid. RACHEL AYER were m. June 13 : 1728. As James was his father's eldest son, tender and only beloved in the sight of his mother, it seemed very suitable that at marriage he should take possession of the "new house," which his father at death had left unfinished. *Here*, on the old place, purchased of Rev. Nathaniel Ward of Ipswich, by John Eaton,[1] James and Rachel Eaton lived together till separated by death. "He died Mar. 18 : 1773," according to the inscription on an old stone, a little inclined with age, in a yard a little north of his living residence, in the West Parish.

Children :—

1. David[5] b. Apr. 1 : 1729; m. Deborah White of Andover, Conn., Oct. 10 : 1751, and settled in Nova Scotia soon after 1760. His genealogy has been published by Rev. Arthur W. Eaton.
2. Timothy[5] b. July 31 : 1731 ; m. Abigail Massey, and settled in Haverhill.
3. Sarah[5] b. Aug. 13 : 1733 ; d. Oct. 17 : 1736.
4. Rachel[5] b. Mar. 3 : 1736 ; m. Daniel Griffing of Haverhill Dec. 12 : 1751, and had four children : Timothy, Ebenezer, Daniel and Bettee.

5. James[5] b. May 23 : 1738 ; m. Abigail Emerson, and settled in Goffstown, N. H. He was the grandfather of the writer of this Report.
6. Susannah[5] b. Sept. 14 : 1740 ; m. Benj[n]. Richards, and settled in Goffstown, N. H. She was the great grandmother of Emily Chubbeck, the 3[d] wife of Dr. Judson, the missionary.
7. Nathaniel[5] b. May 5 : 1743 ; m. Rebecca Dodge, and took care of his father. He was the ancestor of Hon. John Eaton, late President of Marietta College.
8. Ebenezer[5] b. Aug. 10 : 1745 ; m. Abigail Folsom, and settled in Walpole, N. H.
9. Enoch[5] b. Nov. 6 : 1748 ; m. Esther Williams of Ipswich, Mass., and settled in Haverhill.

JONATHAN EATON[4] (Jonathan,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Mar. 30 : 1705. He m. JANE PAGE of Haverhill, Nov. 27 : 1733, and lived on a farm in Haverhill, and had ten children. He d. early in 1772, testate. By the inventory of his estate, appraised 24 Jan. 1772, returned 28 July 1772, amtg. to £943. 4. 4., it appears that his real estate lay partly in Massachusetts and partly in New Hampshire. His sons Jonathan and Amos settled the estate.

Children :—

1. Ruth[5] b. May 1 : 1734 ; d. Aug. 8 : 1736.
2. Jonathan[5] b. July 27 : 1736 ; m. Mary Stone of Plaistow, and res. in Atkinson.
3. Benjamin[5] b. Sept. 21 : 1738 ; d. unm. June 17 : 1762.
4. Sarah[5] b. Dec. 13 : 1740 : m. Stephen Page of Haverhill, Apr. 10 : 1764, and had David and Jonathan.
5. Eunice[5] b. Jan. 1 : 1743 ; m. Warren Webster of Salem, N. H., Apr. 4 : 1808.
6. Hannah[5] b. June 27 : 1745 ; m. Samuel Cross of Methuen, Apr. 14 : 1774.
7. David[5] b. Dec. 10 : 1747 ; d. Feb. 10 : 1756.
8. Amos[5] b. Oct. 18 : 1751 ; m., 1st, Mary Gage of Pelham, N. H., about 1774, and had ten children ; 2d, Anna Ordway of Haverhill, Mar. 9 : 1796.
9. Abiah[5] b. May 9 : 1754 ; d. June 23 : 1762.
10 Ebenezer[5] b. Apr. 18 : 1756 ; d. June 23 : 1762.

SAMUEL EATON[4] (Job,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 5 : 1699. He m. MEHITABLE HARRIMAN of Haverhill, June 11 : 1724. He was a farmer in the west part of the town. The first parish meeting of the West Parish was held May 1 : 1734. At this meeting it was "voted to build and set the meeting house on the Southeasterly corner of Samuel Eatton's pasture." Chase says, "it was a few rods from the present house of Timothy J. Goodrich" (1860). Samuel Eaton[4] had two wives and had children by both.

Children :—

1. Job[5] b. Mar. 14, 1725 ; m. Hannah Stevens, and res. in Plaistow, N. H.
2. Mehitable[5] } b. June 14 : 1726 ; d. June 24 : 1726.
3. Abigail[5] } b. June 14 : 1726 ; d. June 16 : 1726.
4. Mary[5] b. May 31 : 1727 ; m. Nehemiah Heath of Plaistow, N. H. early in 1745. Issue, two sons and two daus.
5. Samuel[5] b. Sept. 29 : 1729 ; m. Edna Hunkins, Mar. 26 : 1761.
6. Mehitable[5] b. May 14 : 1731 ; d. Sept. 14 : 1736.
7. Ebenezer[5] b. May 10 : 1734 ; m. Phebe Shepard in Plaistow about 1762.
8. Abigail[5] b. Aug. 8 : 1736.

Mehitable, the wife, d. Feb. 14 : 1739.

SAMUEL EATON[4] m. 2d time, HANNAH EMERSON of Haverhill, Nov. 5 : 1741, and res. in Plaistow, N. H., where were b. the following

Children :—

9. Ithamar[5] b. Mar. 13 : 1743 ; m. Mary Ordway Feb. 23 : 1769, settled in Weare, N. H.; had ten children, and m. 2d, Mrs. Hannah Lowe.
10. Mehitable[5] b. Feb. 12 : 1744 ; m. Ebenezer Bailey Oct. 21 : 1762, and settled in Weare, N. H. Issue, eight sons and two daus. She d. Apr. 1818. He d. Sept. 1807.
11. Obadiah[5] b. Apr. 22 : 1747 ; m. Betsey Paige of Plaistow, Jan. 9 : 1775, and settled in Weare, N. H.
12. Betsey[5] b. Dec. 14 : 1749. ——— ———.
13. Peter[5] b. June 21 : 1753. ——— ———.

THOMAS EATON[4] (Job,[3] Thomas,[2] John[1]) was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 20 : 1701. He was m. to MEHITABLE CARTER Dec. 24 : 1730 by Rev. Christopher Sargent of Methuen, Mass. Thomas and Mehitable Eaton settled in the North Parish of Methuen, which, in May 1750, received a town charter by the name of Salem, N. H. Rev. Abner Bailey was the pastor of the Congl. church of this parish. In the will of Timothy Eaton[3] of the East Parish of Haverhill, dated 19 Feb. 1755, one bequest is "To cousin Thos. Eaton Deac. of Mr. Bailey's church in Salem, N. H., my great bible." In the first parish meeting in the North Parish of Methuen held Jan. 15 : 1736, "Thomas Eaton was chosen parish treasurer." His name frequently appears on committees. When the church was organized, Jan. 16 : 1740, "Thomas Eaton was chosen deacon." The births of his children are all recorded in the old town book of Methuen, Mass.

Children :—

1. Ebenezer[5] b. Sept. 22 : 1731 ; d. May 23 : 1738.
2. John[5] b. June 18 : 1733 ; m. Abigail Peaslee of Methuen, and settled in Bradford, N. H.
3. Timothy[5] b. July 28 : 1735 ; m. Mary Dalton. He was a hatter in Methuen.

4. Mehitable[5] b. Aug. 28 : 1737 ; d. May 15 : 1738.
5. Mehitable[5] b. Feb. 27 : 1739 ; d. Oct. 6 : 1754.
6. Susanna[5] b. Jan. 7 : 1741. ——— ———.
7. Hannah[5] b. July 21 : 1745 ; m. Edward Pattee.
8. Lydia[5] b. April 22 : 1747 ; m. Moors Bailey.
9. Sarah[5] b. Mar. 8 : 1749 ; m. Oliver Emerson.

REQUEST.

The filling of all blanks and the correction of all errors in the foregoing report are earnestly solicited by the author. Address,

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Nashua, N. H.

CONSTITUTION.

I. THE EATON FAMILY ASSOCIATION was organized in Boston, Massachusetts, July 25th, 1882. Its objects are genealogical research among the several families of the name, and the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and friendship.

II. All persons of the Eaton name or race shall be eligible for membership, and may become members of the Association by assenting to these Articles, and sending their names to the Secretary.

III. The officers shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Executive Committee of from five to ten members, and a Finance and Auditing Committee of three; and the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be members ex-officio of the Executive Committee. These officers shall hold office for one year or until others shall be chosen at a regular meeting of the Association, and the Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur.

IV. The Treasurer shall pay accounts after they have been approved by the President, the Secretary, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

V. Members of the Association are expected to take an active interest in its various objects, and likewise to contribute annually to its funds according to their ability.

VI. The Association shall meet annually in the month of August or at such times as the Executive Committee shall determine.

VII. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority vote of those present.